



Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities



Bernard Siegel-Bill Tainter Memorial Education Scholarship Program

For Students with Disabilities
Pursuing Higher Education

WHO WAS BERNARD SIEGEL?

Commissioner Bernard Siegel was a longtime member of Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities appointed by Supervisor Yaroslavsky of the Third District. He was an advocate for people with disabilities and a distinguished professional in the aerospace industry which included the LEM landing craft that successfully landed a man on the moon.

WHO WAS BILL TANTER?

Bill Tainter was the Executive Director for the State of California Department of Rehabilitation and a longtime advocate for people with disabilities. He was a nationally recognized leader, and role model in the disability community. His work also included developing programs and workshops on disability awareness as well as presentations on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) legislation.

The Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities established the Bernard Siegel – Bill Tainter Memorial Education Scholarship Program to offer high school students with disabilities a financial opportunity to become more independent and self-sufficient through higher education.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP GRANT?

- ◆ To provide supplemental financial assistance to incoming community college, vocational (trade) school, or four-year college students
- ◆ To enlighten the public that individuals with disabilities can succeed in higher education and take advantage of expanded career opportunities
- ◆ To educate the community about the academic abilities of students with disabilities

HOW THE MONEY IS DISBURSED?

- ◆ Awards will be granted, one in each Supervisorial District of the County of Los Angeles. *(Awards will be disbursed in two parts – 1/2 upon submission of transcript grades from a community college, vocational (trade) school, or four-year college for the end of the first school semester or quarter. The second 1/2 will be disbursed upon the submission of transcript grades from the end of the second semester or quarter. Transcript must be submitted 30 days following the end of each semester or quarter.)*

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ◆ Students with disabilities pursuing higher education
- ◆ Students with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better
- ◆ Applicants residing in the County of Los Angeles at time of filing

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA?

Applicants must:

- ◆ Provide proof of enrollment in community college, vocational (trade) school or four-year college or provide an acceptance letter from the chosen institute
- ◆ Provide proof of 2.0 GPA or better (transcripts)
- ◆ Provide two written recommendation letters from counselors, teachers, employers, coaches or rehabilitation counselors
- ◆ Submit a thoroughly completed Scholarship Application
- ◆ Attend the Board of Supervisors presentation
- ◆ Attend the 2013 Scholarship reception to share their experience as a scholarship winner
- ◆ Participate in a follow-up *Bernard Siegel – Bill Tainter Memorial Education Scholarship Fund* survey

Part I – Applicant Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Gender (M/F): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cellular telephone: _____

Work telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Social Security Number: _____

Name of Parent(s)

First Name (Mother) _____ Last Name _____

First Name (Father) _____ Last Name _____

Address: _____

(If different from yours)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home telephone: _____ Cellular telephone: _____

Work telephone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Direct experience with disability: _____

Date your disability was diagnosed: _____

Functional limitations/characteristics of your disability: _____

Part II- Education

Name and Address of high school or College you are currently attending:

School contact person (counselor, principal, etc.) _____

Telephone: _____ Date of anticipated graduation: _____

Name of community college, vocational (trade) school, or four-year college you plan to attend. _____

Number of semester units you plan to take _____

School and Community Involvement

Below, please briefly list your involvement with your school and community. This may include any offices you held, club memberships, after school activities or work experiences.

Name of Activity	Dates (from/to)	Grade level
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Part III – Knowledge of Commission on Disability

Please attach your written response on a separate sheet to the completed application)

1. What can you tell us about the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities?
2. Which Supervisorial District do you reside in? Tell us something about your Supervisor.
3. The occupation of a Supervisor is a significant political position in the County of Los Angeles. Could you explain, in your own words, the importance of the position held by a County Supervisor?
4. What is the importance of receiving a higher education?
5. This scholarship is named for Bernard Siegel and Bill Tainter. Tell us something about them.

Part IV – Essay Questions

Please attach your written response on a separate sheet to the completed application)

1. **Qualifications** – Explain why you feel you are a qualified candidate for the scholarship.
2. **Educational Goal** – Explain how education will help you achieve self-sufficiency and independence.
3. **Career Goal** – If you receive the scholarship, explain how you plan to use it to attain your career and professional goals.
4. **Experience as a Person with a Disability** – Describe how your disability will affect your goals or career plans.

Part V – Recommendations

Please attach two letters of recommendation from counselors, teachers, coaches and/or employers.

The five scholarship award winners will be notified in **May 2013**. Details about the scholarship presentations will be given at that time.

PLEASE NOTE

Failure to present necessary documentation may result in the forfeit of scholarship award

Scholarship winners must attend the 2013 Scholarship Reception and the Board of Supervisors Presentation to be held in **July 9, 2013**, to share their experience as scholarship winner, and participate in a follow-up Siegel-Tainter Scholarship Fund survey.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____

If applicant is under the age of 18

Applications will **NOT** be considered unless all of the requested information are thoroughly completed, submitted and received by **Monday April 22, 2013**.

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Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Memorial Education Scholarship Program

For Veterans with Disabilities Pursuing Higher Education

WHO WAS ERNEST T. HAMILTON, JR.?

In memory of Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr., who was a former Veteran and Commissioner for the Commission on Disabilities, the Commission extended the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship to veterans with disabilities who want to pursue a higher education.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP GRANT?

- ◆ To provide supplemental financial assistance to incoming community college, vocational (trade) school, or four-year college students.
- ◆ To enlighten the public that individuals with disabilities can succeed in higher education and take advantage of expanded career opportunities.
- ◆ To educate the community about the academic abilities of students with disabilities.

HOW MUCH MONEY IS DISBURSED?

- ◆ An award will be granted to a veteran student with a disability and has earned a certificate in specialized training. *(Awards will be disbursed in two parts – 1/2 upon submission of transcript grades from a community college, vocational (trade) school, or four-year college, for the end of the first school semester/quarter. The second 1/2 will be disbursed upon the submission of transcript grades from the end of the second semester/quarter. Transcripts must be submitted 30 days following the end of each semester/quarter.)*

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- ◆ **Disabled Veterans residing in the County of Los Angeles at time of filing.**
- ◆ **Veteran with a disability or disabilities who has been discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States under honorable conditions.**
- ◆ **Veteran who possess a valid DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214), or any other official document(s) issued by the branch of service.**

**Los Angeles County and the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities hereby advise the recipient of the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship the amount received may be an asset subject to disclosure by the recipient. The recipient of the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship acknowledges the receipt of this scholarship fund may impact his/her eligibility to any currently enrolled public or other benefit programs. The scholarship recipient bears sole responsibility to inform any public or other benefit program of the amount of scholarship he/she receives.*

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA?

Applicants must:

- ◆ **Provide proof of enrollment in a community college, vocational (trade) school documents issued by branch of Government or four year college or provide an acceptance letter from the chosen institute.**
- ◆ **Provide proof of 2.0 GPA or better (transcripts), or a valid DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214), or any other official document(s) issued by the branch of service.**
- ◆ **Submit a thoroughly completed Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship Application.**
- ◆ **Attend BOTH the Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship Reception and Board of Supervisors presentation.**
- ◆ **Attend the 2013 Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. scholarship presentation to share his/her experience as a scholarship awardee.**
- ◆ **Participate in a follow-up *Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Scholarship Fund* survey.**

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Social Security Number: _____

Military Service Number: _____ Military Branch _____

Dates of Service (From) _____ (To) _____

Direct experience with disability: _____

Date your disability was diagnosed: _____

Functional limitations/characteristics of your disability: _____

Part II – Education

Name of Community College, vocational/trade school, or four-year College you plan to attend. _____

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(Please attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary)

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